

**PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of West Feliciana is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	10,169	2,683,516
1960	12,395	3,257,022
1970	10,761	3,644,637
1980	12,186	4,205,900
1990	12,915	4,219,973
1991	12,920	4,251,560
1992	13,198	4,287,195
1993	13,205	4,295,477
1994	13,130	4,315,085
1995	13,154	4,339,352
1996	13,102	4,350,579
1997	13,505	4,351,769
1998	13,480	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of West Feliciana are as follows:

YEAR	ST. FRANCISVILLE
1960	1,661
1970	1,603
1980	1,471
1990	1,700
1991	1,739
1992	1,742
1993	1,766
1994	1,779
1995	1,787
1996	1,787
1997	1,776
1998	1,807

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$8,261	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$8,942	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$10,021	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$10,740	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$12,160	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$12,260	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$12,438	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$13,122	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in West Feliciana Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$28,290	\$13,359	\$2,552	\$1,248	\$408	\$2,411
1992	\$30,937	\$13,514	\$3,098	\$1,505	\$540	\$2,569
1993	\$32,964	\$13,989	\$3,466	\$1,600	\$550	\$2,983
1994	\$48,532	\$14,681	\$4,582	\$1,026	\$80	\$17,277
1995	\$53,631	\$15,174	\$3,137	\$1,019	\$72	\$23,597
1996	\$61,349	\$15,979	\$2,994	\$1,159	\$80	\$28,085
1997	\$60,767	\$18,438	\$3,195	\$1,457	\$112	\$23,756

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of West Feliciana as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
WEST FELICIANA PARISH	4		4	4	8
ST. FRANCISVILLE	3	1	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$9,439	\$7,823	\$12,648	\$8,525	\$13,996
February	\$8,982	\$7,674	\$10,230	\$8,364	\$9,005
March	\$12,296	\$11,139	\$11,352	\$22,124	\$14,422
April	\$10,616	\$9,184	\$9,025	\$8,858	\$22,590
May	\$9,536	\$10,096	\$9,699	\$8,823	\$9,924
June	\$13,853	\$12,187	\$13,464	\$10,746	\$13,159
July	\$9,292	\$8,773	\$8,488	\$10,487	\$9,269
August	\$8,206	\$11,594	\$12,758	\$10,216	\$9,796
September	\$10,184	\$17,875	\$13,749	\$15,048	\$11,037
October	\$8,232	\$10,810	\$25,468	\$11,641	\$9,380
November	\$8,135	\$16,594	\$11,847	\$8,792	\$8,216
December	\$35,430	\$17,750	\$15,356	\$14,214	\$14,851
Annual Total	\$144,203	\$141,497	\$154,084	\$137,688	\$145,646

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of West Feliciana is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$39,090,390	\$6,891,710	\$45,982,100
1991	\$38,940,571	\$7,087,995	\$46,028,566
1992	\$39,469,259	\$7,623,403	\$47,092,662
1993	\$41,119,369	\$7,915,559	\$49,034,928
1994	\$40,888,285	\$8,207,814	\$49,096,099
1995	\$43,203,496	\$8,493,217	\$51,696,713
1996	\$46,902,431	\$9,250,211	\$56,152,642
1997	\$304,861,862	\$9,778,837	\$314,640,699
1998	\$302,342,081	\$10,039,288	\$312,381,369

Source: West Feliciana Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$19,869,920	\$16,323,520	\$9,788,660
1991	\$19,852,027	\$16,591,259	\$9,585,280
1992	\$20,668,442	\$17,021,030	\$9,403,190
1993	\$21,101,586	\$16,992,992	\$10,940,350
1994	\$21,384,902	\$16,980,707	\$10,730,490
1995	\$22,244,860	\$15,656,003	\$13,795,850
1996	\$24,979,489	\$16,641,843	\$14,531,310
1997	\$25,968,807	\$18,221,612	\$270,450,280
1998	\$26,907,352	\$19,998,387	\$265,475,630

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of West Feliciana follows:

Year	Millage
1990	40.91
1991	41.16
1992	39.76
1993	39.76
1994	54.76
1995	54.76
1996	54.76
1997	51.55
1998	51.69

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and West Feliciana Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of West Feliciana in 1996 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CROWN VANTAGE	\$17,445,118
2. ENTERGY	\$5,775,680
3. TEXAS EASTERN	\$3,917,140
4. BELL SOUTH	\$1,681,980
5. DIXIE ELECTRIC	\$1,361,320
6. BLUFFS	\$901,537
7. CAJUN ELECTRIC POWER	\$789,630
8. TRANSCONTINENTAL	\$488,020
9. IDLEWOOD ASSOCIATES,LTD	\$161,241
10.MID LA	\$94,860

Source: West Feliciana Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the West Feliciana Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	2,061	2,155	2,191	2,201
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	2,198	2,303	2,331	2,348
PUBLIC	2,221	2,337	2,351	2,352

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the West Feliciana Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$28,273	\$27,863	\$28,431	\$34,259
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$5,199	\$5,484	\$6,559	\$7,551
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0	\$0	\$401,012	\$3,918,067
DEBT SERVICE	\$385,774	\$375,327	\$368,843	\$751,118
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$11,425,028	\$11,855,941	\$13,401,253	\$16,392,819

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.